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Amendments to the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An article-receiving and storage device for use with a ladder having a first pair of front legs, a second pair of step supporting legs and a cap with an upper surface, said article-receiving and storage device comprising:
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- (a) a base having an interior being dimensioned to receive the top cap of the ladder in an installed position;
 - (b) a tray having a bottom wall, front wall, rear wall and side walls defining a storage area;
 - 10 (c) a hinge connecting said base and tray whereby the tray may be pivoted from a stored position with said storage area enveloping at least a portion of said base to a deployed position with said tray extending forwardly from said cap; and
 - (d) one of said tray or base include a support engageable with the other of said tray or base to maintain said tray in an upwardly canted position when
 - 15 deployed without a load[[]] ; and
 - (e) detent means associated with one of said base or tray for temporarily securing said tray in said stored position.

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2. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 1 wherein said hinge connecting said base and tray comprises a plurality of barrels having aligned bores which receive a hinge pin.
- 5 3. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 2 wherein one of said barrels defines a non-circular bore and wherein said hinge pin is generally circular in cross-section to establish a frictional fit in said non-circular bore.
- 10 4. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 1 including clamp means on said base engageable with said ladder top cap.
- 15 5. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 4 wherein said base has a top, front wall, rear wall and opposite sidewalls, said rear wall having a depending tab on its exterior and defining a slot having a recess on the interior side and wherein said clamp means comprises a generally L-shaped body having a threaded stud extending through said bore with a nut engaged therewith.
6. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 5 wherein said clamp is reversibly positionable in said tab slot.

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7. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 6 wherein said nut includes a lock washer and a knurled knob.

5 8. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 1 wherein said tray storage area is partitioned into at least two compartments.

9. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 8 wherein at least one compartment includes a magnetic element.

10 10. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 1 further including a removable organizer container positionable in one of said smaller compartments.

11. (CANCELED)

15 12. (Original) The article-receiving and storage device of Claim 1 wherein said detent means comprises a slot defined by one of said tray or base sidewalls and a projection alignable with said slot on the other of said sidewalls.